

### Hearing Notice

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Thursday, February 26, 2009

Full Committee (Chairman Towns)

Time:10:00 a.m.

Location: Rayburn 2154

Agenda: "How Convicts and Con Artists Receive New Federal Contracts": The House Oversight and Government Reform Committee will examine the Excluded Parties List System, a federal database intended to prevent persons and businesses ineligible to receive federal contracts due to past misconduct from receiving new awards.

A GAO report to be released at the hearing finds numerous examples of ineligible parties continuing to receive new federal contracts, due to flaws in the database and inadequate contracting procedures. Many of the parties who continue to receive new contracts have been debarred from contracting for egregious violations that directly threatened the national security of the United States and the safety of U.S. troops and citizens. The hearing will review whether immediate changes should be implemented to prevent the award of economic stimulus contracts to ineligible fraudulent contractors.